

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 2-7, 9-13 and 16. Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 have been amended to depend on claim 16, which the Examiner has allowed, and claims 1 and 15 have been canceled. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9-12 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Moe U.S. Design Patent No. DES. 249,225* in view of *Alonso U.S. Patent No. 6,397,431*. Claims 3-5, 10 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Moe* in view of *Alonso* and further in view of *Mitchell et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,825,509*.

The Examiner has also indicated, however, that claim 16 is allowed.

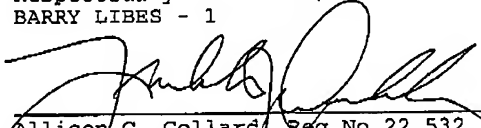
In response, without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in order to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 15 and has amended claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 to depend on claim 16 so that all currently pending claims depend directly or indirectly on claim 16, which

the Examiner has allowed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 1 and 15 have been canceled and claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 have been amended. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

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